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## THE WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE DESIGNATION OF A TEMPORARY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE HURRICANE KATRINA LIFELINE ASSISTANCE

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On December 9, 2005, the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau granted the petition of Sprint Nextel Corporation for designation as a temporary eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC)<sup>1</sup> for the purpose of providing the Hurricane Katrina Lifeline assistance pursuant to the Commission's *Hurricane Katrina Order*.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of Sprint Nextel Corporation for Designation as a Temporary ETC to Provide Katrina Lifeline Assistance, WC Docket No. 03-109 (filed Nov. 29, 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, FCC 05-178 (rel. Oct. 14, 2005) (Hurricane Katrina Order).